

Subject: Minimum Flows and Levels for the Loxahatchee River & Estuary

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For many months, I have attended many meetings at the SFWMD, and other places, regarding the Loxahatchee River, especially the North Fork in Martin County, and the rapid degradation of the River. Also, it is very easily to come to the conclusion that all agencies, including the SFWMD, have intentionally neglected the Loxahatchee.

Dozens of conversations have been held with technical experts, which I am not, in all of the agencies and those who are not connected with the agencies.

The plan issued July 15, 2002 MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS FOR THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER & ESTUARY seems to be again lacking of care for the Loxahatchee River.

There are many points in the plan that could be mentioned, however, the number one is the inadequate 35 cfs MFL planned for the Loxahatchee River.

I have reviewed several documents regarding CERP (Comprehensive Everglades Review Program) and the Loxahatchee scarcely is mentioned in some, and not at all in some.

It is my sincere hope that the SFWMD, the Corps, and the Florida DEP get serious about attending to what was the first WILD AND SCENIC RIVER designation in Florida.

There is an item that I find difficult to reconcile. When the Loxahatchee was designated the Wild and Scenic River, a coordinating council was established and has met continuously since 1985. Yet, the River has drastically degraded since that date.

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A recent point really disturbs me. I am told that the item on the MFL of the Loxahatchee is on the agenda on September 11 in which the SFWMD Governing Board is meeting in Ft. Myers.

TELL ME IT AIN'T SO.

Sincerely,

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